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going to be able to replace this. I will say this is one very positive first step toward the direction of restoring habitat. This is a step that we are putting on the sportsmen and the majority of sportsmen that I have talked to are willing to take this step. This is not at the expense of the farmer. The farmers carried the load on habitat long enough. He has provided the land. He has fed the game. With this bill, the sportsman is saying we want to help. The general public, of course, is being plugged in through the provisions of this bill through the Natural Resource District. Mr. President, I move that this bill be advanced to E and R Initial.

CLERK: Mr. President, I have an amendment on the bill now. Read amendment. See page 828, Journal. Signed Senator Frank Lewis.

PRESIDENT: Senator Lewis.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Now, Mr. Chairman, if you look at the Committee report, you will find that I was the recipient of an onslaught. I was the sole individual to testify against the bill. I testified on the basis that, one, that certainly I was in favor of habitat restoration and I share with Senator Dworak his genuine concerns of restoration of some three hundred thousand acres of habitat land. However, as I asked the right questions, I got a response that said this won't solve the problem. What they suggested was that this would bring in 2.7 million dollars more. Now that was figured on the basis that by doubling or more than doubling the licenses that they would retain the same number which I suggest to you there will be some slippage. But I am going to give them the benefit of the doubt and say we retain that same number. 2.7 million according to Game Department figures will reclaim three thousand acres a year. For those of you that have an interest, that is about 31 acres per county per year. If we keep this program up for ten years, we might get a section of land in each county. The bill does not provide the relief that Senator Dworak is talking about. He is talking about three hundred acres of lost habitat land... three hundred thousand acres since 1973, six hundred thousand in the last ten years or so. At the rate that is being proposed by the increase in licenses, we are talking about a reclamation of some thirty thousand acres over a ten year period. The second thing that concerns me, and you should know it now, that if we are going to use these funds and I saw the breakdown on how they would be used for coordination of this and coordination of that and for other purposes and I want you to look at how that is going to be expended. If the hunter is going to pay this fund, number one, it should be used only for the acquisition of the land, and number two, some of those that were most adamant in favor of the bill before Senator Syas Committee readily came forward and said their interest in habitat was not for the purpose of hunting, the Audubon Society, the Wildlife Federation, and I agree with that, and if there is a keen and sincere interest in doing this,